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SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING -- EXTENSION OF BRUNENKANT'S ASSIGNMENT
WITH IAEA

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1. AS NOTED REFTEL, IAEA HAS OFFERED EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TO EDWARD J. BRUNENKANT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION, TO JUNE 1978. BRUNENKANT HAS ACCEPTED AND HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION OF HIS TRANSFER FROM AND RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS WITH U.S. ERDA.

2. SINCE BRUNENKANT ARRIVED TO ACCEPT IAEA EMPLOYMENT IN MID-AUGUST 1972, HE WILL HAVE COMPLETED FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE IAEA IN MID-AUGUST 1977 THIS IS THE MAXIMUM PERIOD ALLOWABLE FOR A TRANSFER FROM A U.S. FEDERAL AGENCY TO AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 91-175, EXCEPT WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE DETERMINES IT TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST TO EXTEND SUCH A TRANSFER FOR UP TO AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY FROM WHICH THE EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED.

3. THE MISSION NOTES THAT BRUNENKANT OCCUPIES ONE
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OF THE KEY DIRECTOR-LEVEL POSTS IN THE IAEA, AND THAT

HIS PRESENCE IN THIS POST DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS IS IN THE DIRECT INTEREST OF THE U.S., PARTICULARLY DURING THIS TRANSITION PHASE OF EXPANDING THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM (INIS) TO INCLUDE ABSTRACTS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY. IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THE U.S. ERDA TERMINATED ITS PUBLICATION OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE ABSTRACTS, WHICH FOR MANY YEARS WAS THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST AUTHORITATIVE ABSTRACTS JOURNAL IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF CAREFUL PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR INIS TO EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY. ACCORDINGLY, THE U.S. IS GOING TO BE DEPENDENT ON INIS TO MEET ITS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ABSTRACTS JOURNAL IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE U.S., THEREFORE, THAT THIS IAEA ACTIVITY PROCEED TO DEVELOP IN AN ORDERLY MANNER DURING THE NEXT CRITICAL TWO YEARS.

4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT AN EXCEPTION BE APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES TO EXTEND BRUNENKANT'S TRANSFER THROUGH JUNE 1978.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. STONE

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